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**DISTRICT FOUR**

**JANUARY 25, 2012 WEEKLY UPDATE**

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## FREE SMART TAXES EVENT HELPS WORKING FAMILIES

Join Council President Tony Young, San Diego County Supervisor Ron Roberts and IRS certified tax volunteers at the San Diego Reinvestment Task Force's free "Smart Taxes" event on Saturday, Jan. 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Joe & Vi Jacobs Center, 404 Euclid Ave. Hard-working local families

can learn more about the money-saving Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit that can give them a financial boost in this recovering economy. According to the IRS, many workers might be eligible for a special tax credit and not even know it. As a result, they may overlook claiming the EITC, which could put anywhere from \$2 to \$5,751 into their pockets. The IRS encourages anyone who earned \$49,078 or less from wages, self-employment or farming in 2011 to see if they qualify. For more information about the free community-wide event to help families file for income tax savings, call the RTF: (619) 578-7538 or go online: [sandiegortf.org](http://sandiegortf.org).



## YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

### **RADIO CANYON CLEAN-UP**

A call for help is coming from a local non-profit organization planning to clear non-native species and replant 3,000 native plants in Southeastern San Diego's Radio Canyon on Saturday, Jan. 28. Located at Market Street just east of Euclid Avenue, a restored Radio Canyon will provide valuable open space and passive recreation for thousands of Encanto families. Groundwork San Diego was invited by the City of San Diego Park and Rec Department Open Space Division to help revive Radio Canyon. Funding is being provided by a grant from SANDAG Transnet. For information or to volunteer, contact: [Leslie@groundworksandiego.org](mailto:Leslie@groundworksandiego.org) or please call: (619) 543 0430.



San Diego honored the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a variety of annual events and local celebrations. Council President Young joined community leaders at the 17th annual UAAMAC Martin Luther King, Jr. breakfast. He also attended the San Diego County YMCA's Human Dignity Award Breakfast, marched with 100 Strong, participated in the downtown parade and enjoyed the 24th Annual All People's Breakfast.

## COUNCIL ACTIONS:

On Tuesday, Jan. 23 the San Diego City Council approved a \$13.3 million contract for more asphalt overlay projects.

The Transnet-funded contract will provide for the repair and resurfacing of 26 miles of streets throughout the city, including 39 streets in District 4.

On Tuesday, Jan. 23 San Diego City Council President Tony Young and Mayor Jerry Sanders proclaimed January to be "One book, One San Diego" month in the City of San Diego.

Our public libraries and KPBS sponsor the annual campaign to cultivate a culture of reading that brings our diverse residents together to read and discuss books. This year the program highlights three books: "Sky of Red Poppies" by Zoe Ghahremani about the redeeming friendship between two young Iranian women in the 1960s; "Moloka'i" by Alan Brennert about a girl growing up on the quarantined leprosy settlement; and "Into the Beautiful North" by Luis Alberto Urrea about small town young Mexican women who travel north to San Diego in hopes of finding marriageable men to bring back to Mexico. A kick-off event will be held in District 4 on Feb. 29 at the Joe & Vi Jacobs Center. For information, call Susan Howe: (619) 238-6643.



**On Tuesday, Jan. 23 the San Diego City Council approved a landmark deal with the city's six labor unions on health care for retired city workers that could save \$714 million over the next 25 years.** The city is projected to save \$3.5 million annually, with cost savings peaking at \$59 million in 2036.

**On Tuesday, Jan. 23 the San Diego City Council voted to create a special citywide district comprised of hoteliers that would finance a \$520 million convention center expansion by levying a surcharge of up to 3 percent on hotel rooms.** After an April vote by San Diego hoteliers on the proposed surcharge, the City Council will further consider an ordinance and authorization of an annual \$3.5 million contribution to the project.

## **YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:**

### ***LET'S BUILD A PLAYGROUND***

**Looking to build a new playground in your community?** National nonprofit KaBOOM! is currently accepting applications to help community-based organizations in San Diego and around the country build playgrounds. KaBOOM! has mapped over 85,000 places to play, built more than 2,000 playgrounds, and successfully advocated for play policies in hundreds of cities across the U.S. KaBOOM! also provides its partner communities with online tools to self-organize and take action to support play on both a local and national level. To find out more about the Build a Playground program and grant qualifications, visit online: [kaboom.org](http://kaboom.org). To be considered, please complete and submit the brief application with pictures via email by Friday, Jan. 27. Contact Kimberly Ali at: (202) 464-6191 or [kali@kaboom.org](mailto:kali@kaboom.org) with your interest and questions.

### ***BASEBALL COACHES CLINIC AT PETCO PARK***

**The San Diego Padres will host a free instructional clinic for youth baseball coaches at Petco Park on Sunday, Jan. 29 from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.** The hands-on sessions are geared for those who coach players ages 4 to 12. For more information or pre-registration, please go online: [padrescoachesclinics.com](http://padrescoachesclinics.com).

### ***YMCA ANNOUNCES COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS***

**Applications are now being accepted through Jan. 31 for the 16th Annual Jackie Robinson Family YMCA Scholarship Awards for high school seniors.** The scholarships are given to local students to support and encourage their pursuit of higher education in an effort to create avenues of opportunity for academic, social and career success. Ten scholarships of \$2,000 each will be awarded to graduating high school seniors from Alta Vista, Barrio Logan, Bay Terraces, Chollas View, Emerald Hills, Encanto, Gateway, Golden Hill, Grant Hill, Jamacha-Lomita, Lincoln Park, Logan Heights, Memorial, Mountain View, Mt. Hope, Oak Park, Paradise Hills, Shelltown, Sherman Heights, Skyline, Southcrest, Stockton, Valencia Park and Webster. For information, call the Jackie Robinson YMCA's Megan Blaneck at: (619) 264-0144. Applications also are available onsite at 151 YMCA Way, or online at: [jackierobinson.ymca.org/events/tribute-scholarship.html](http://jackierobinson.ymca.org/events/tribute-scholarship.html).



### ***CASH FOR COLLEGE***

**A scholarship workshop for high school students and parents will be held on Saturday, Feb. 4 from 9 to noon at Hoover High**, 4474 El Cajon Blvd. For more information about the event and helpful financial information needed to determine eligibility for college cash, call the high school counseling office: (619) 462-7878.

### ***O'FARRELL FUNDRAISING GALA***

**Please join Hands United for Children on Saturday, Feb. 4 from 6 to 10 p.m.** to support a project to provide much needed support to O'Farrell Community School's new high school and to build a preschool in Burkina Faso, West Africa. Information available online at: [handsunited4children.org](http://handsunited4children.org) or please call: (858) 876-7815.

### ***VOLUNTEERS PAINT LIBRARY***

**The children's section at the Malcolm X Library received a fresh coat of paint for the New Year thanks to the efforts of a band of volunteers from Promotoras with the Cinco de Mayo con Orgullo Coalition.** This local group (comprised of Hispanic community health advocates) understands the budget cuts facing the city and its top priority is to help improve the quality of life of local communities by volunteering time and resources at projects such as sprucing up a special kid's corner of the local library. Among the volunteer painters from Promotoras were Isabella and Esmeralda Ruiz, Yesenia Montero, Gloria Gomez and Dolores Sandoval, assisted by SAY San Diego staffers Claudia Bultazar and Nancy Manchuca. The Cinco de Mayo con Orgullo organization nurtures a diverse volunteer base, including parents, youth, businesses, schools, media, health organizations, law enforcement and local government, to expand alcohol and drug prevention advocacy within ethnically diverse communities throughout San Diego. For more information about the coalition, visit online: [cincodemayoconorgullo.org](http://cincodemayoconorgullo.org).

### ***DAZZLING EVENT HONORS COMMUNITY TREASURES***

**The 4<sup>th</sup> District Seniors Resource Center is hosting Gems & Jewels – a dazzling evening to honor community treasures on Friday, Feb. 10 from 6 to 9 p.m.** at the George L. Stevens Senior Center, 570 South 65<sup>th</sup> Street. For ticket and sponsorship information, please call (619) 266-2066 or online at: [fdsr.org](http://fdsr.org).

### ***FAMILY FUN RUN***

**The 1st Annual Urban 5K Fun Run/Walk will be held Saturday, March 3 in Southeastern San Diego.** This family-oriented event will be used to support the American Cancer Society, Mama's kitchen, ARC of San Diego, Meals for Hunger. In addition to helping these nonprofit organizations, this family 5K run/walk event is designed to positively affect the awareness of health and well-being of all our communities by educating and heightening healthy eating and healthy lifestyles of ourselves, our families, friends and neighbors. The 5K starts at Chollas Lake and finishes at the Jacobs Center, 415 Euclid Ave. For more information, go online at: [sd5kurbanwalk-run.org](http://sd5kurbanwalk-run.org), or please contact the race administrator: [bpollard@peoplesolutions-sd.com](mailto:bpollard@peoplesolutions-sd.com) or (619) 392-0203.



## ***SUPERHEROES FOR YOUTH***

**The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual STAR/PAL Superheroes for Youth Celebrity Waiter luncheon will be held on Friday, May 4 at the Jacobs Center.** All proceeds from this popular event benefit youth programs in underserved and inner-city neighborhoods. For sponsorships and ticket information, please contact Natalie Bradely at: (619)531-2559 or email: [nbradley@starpal.org](mailto:nbradley@starpal.org).

## **COMMUNITY MEETINGS:**

Meeting Date	Community Meeting (District 4 Staff)	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
Thursday January 26	Alta Vista Community Council (Liezl Mangonon)	6:30 p.m.	Nye Elementary 981 S. Valencia Parkway
Thursday January 26	Broadway Heights Community Council (Lea Fields-Bernard)	7:00 p.m.	6721 Tiffin Ave.
Thursday January 26	Crossroads/College Grove Project Area Committee (Bruce Williams)	6:30 p.m.	College Avenue Baptist Church 4747 College Ave.
Thursday January 26	Skyline Hills Recreation Council (Roosevelt Williams III)	6:00 p.m.	Skyline Recreation Center 8285 Skyline Drive
Monday January 30	Encanto Neighborhoods Community Planning Group (Bruce Williams)	6:30 p.m.	Jacobs Center 404 Euclid Ave.
Tuesday January 31	Willie Henderson Recreation Council (Roosevelt Williams III)	6:00 p.m.	Willie Henderson Rec Center 1034 S. 45 <sup>th</sup> Street
Thursday February 2	Mount Hope Community Meeting (Diana Juardo-Sainz)	6:30 p.m.	Macedonia Baptist Church 625 Quail
Thursday February 2	Oak Park Community Council (Jimmie Slack)	7:00 p.m.	Oak Park Elementary 2606 54 <sup>th</sup> Street

## **IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS:**

### **Non-Emergency Police**

San Diego Police Department  
619-531-2000

### **Graffiti Removal**

Graffiti Control Hotline  
619-525-8522

### **Street Light Repair**

Transportation Department  
619-527-8000

### **Missed Trash Pick Up**

Environmental Services  
858-694-7000

### **Pot Holes**

Streets Division  
619-527-7500

### **Abandoned Trash/Debris**

Environmental Services  
858-694-7000

### **Dead Animal Pick Up**

Environmental Services (streets, alley, sidewalks)  
858-694-7000  
Cal Trans (freeways and off- ramps)  
619-688-6670

### **Abandoned Shopping Carts**

Environmental Services  
858-694-7000

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